

It acts as both a public and a professional library.

The facility provides full interlibrary loan services, Internet access, InfoTrac access, and literature searching. The library is also a member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine and offers DOCLINE and Loansome Doc services.

### Office of Public Instruction Resource Center

1300 Eleventh Avenue / P.O. Box 202501  
Helena, MT 59620-2501  
Phone: (406) 444-2082, Fax: (406) 444-3924  
Email: [rwillard@mt.gov](mailto:rwillard@mt.gov)  
URL: <http://opi.mt.gov>  
Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The Resource Center's mission is to meet the work-related information needs of the Office of Public Instruction. The scope of the collection encompasses K-12 education, education policy, and education finance. The collection includes books and professional journals. It does not include curriculum materials, textbooks, or videos.

The primary clients are OPI staff; secondary clients are Montana educators, parents, and the general public.

The Resource Center does not loan materials directly to the public, but will lend materials to other libraries through interlibrary loan. The OPI posts all of its own publications to the OPI Web site.

### Census and Economic Information Center

Montana Department of Commerce  
301 South Park Avenue / P.O. Box 200505  
Helena, MT 59620-0505  
Phone: (406) 841-2739, Fax: (406) 841-2741  
Email: [ceic@mt.gov](mailto:ceic@mt.gov)  
URL: <http://ceic.mt.gov>  
Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Census and Economic Information Center provides state employees access to and education on using census, economic, geographic, and business data for Montana

from a variety of federal and state statistical resources.

The Center provides training and assistance with the development of Geographic Information System (GIS) applications utilizing census data and access to GIS technical support.

Patrons have access to Montana data/ thematic maps, and may have a custom data map created for a specific project. The library does not circulate resources to the public.

The collection includes historical, demographic and economic data, current electronic (DVD/CD), and print documents.

### Department of Transportation Research Library

2701 Prospect Avenue / P.O. 201001  
Helena, MT 59620-1001  
Phone: (406) 444-6338 or (406) 444-7693  
Fax: (406) 444-7204  
Email: [jnydegger@mt.gov](mailto:jnydegger@mt.gov)  
URL: <http://mdt.mt.gov/research>  
Hours: M-Th, 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. & F, 6:00 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Department of Transportation Library maintains a collection of approximately 15,000 titles on various topics including transportation, engineering, personnel development, and environment.

Patrons include state agencies, other states, legislators, contractors, consultants, and the public.

### Montana Historical Society Research Center

225 N. Roberts Street / P.O. Box 201201  
Helena, MT 59620-1201  
Phone: (406) 444-2681, Fax: (406) 444-5297  
Email: [mhslibrary@mt.gov](mailto:mhslibrary@mt.gov)  
URL: <http://montanahistoricalsociety.org>  
Hours: T-F, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. & Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The MHS Research Center serves the general public, state agency employees,

academic researchers, students, and genealogists.

The MHS Research Center is a special collections facility, which collects published and unpublished materials that reflect and document the history and prehistory of Montana and the region.

The collection consists of state documents, books, archival records and oral histories, manuscript collections, legislative records, historic photographs, and maps.

The MHS Research Center also holds 95 percent of the newspapers published in Montana, both historic and current.

The library collection does not circulate to the public.

### Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Fisheries Division Library  
1420 East Sixth Avenue / P.O. Box 200701  
Helena, MT 59620-0701  
Phone: (406) 444-3175, Fax: (406) 444-4952  
Email: [fwpfsh@mt.gov](mailto:fwpfsh@mt.gov)  
URL: <http://fwp.mt.gov>  
Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Library serves FWP employees and consists of reports by FWP biologists on Montana's 22 major drainages and on specific subjects, such as fish species. FWP publications are available to the public at the Montana State Library.

The library also houses management plans, in-stream flow publications, archives, publications by other agencies on the 22 drainages, journals and serials, Dingell-Johnson reports, and a thesis collection for use by departmental personnel. The library also provides access to historical fish reports.

This publication is available in alternative formats upon request. Direct requests to the Montana State Library. 1,000 copies of this document were published at an estimated total cost of \$.38 per copy, for a total cost of \$380.00, which includes \$380.00 for printing and \$0.00 for distribution. – REV 3/06



## Montana State Agency Library Resources

Libraries in Montana state government offer a wealth of resources. Professional research librarians and staff provide service, support, and assistance in accessing information for all Montana citizens investigating complex issues.

Library records are confidential following:

Montana Code, Title 22,  
Libraries, Arts, and Antiquities, Chapter 1,  
Libraries, Part 11, Library Records  
Confidentiality Act,  
Montana Code Annotated  
§ 22-1-1101 – 22-1-1111.

However, if maintaining confidentiality is important, it is a good idea to emphasize this when making a research request.

## Montana State Library

1515 East Sixth Avenue / P.O. Box 201800  
Helena, MT 59620-1800  
Phone: (406) 444-3115, Fax: (406) 444-0266  
Email: [mslreference@mt.gov](mailto:mslreference@mt.gov)  
URL: <http://msl.mt.gov>  
Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Montana State Library serves the work-related, informational needs of State employees in partnership with the other more specialized agency libraries. Collection strengths include electronic journals and references related to natural resources; environment and conservation; government; health and social services; information science and technology; librarianship and library development; and personnel management.

The library maintains a permanent comprehensive collection of state publications and an inventory of federal publications selected for their pertinence to Montana State government.

The library circulates resources to the public. Through its Library Development Department, the State Library also offers consulting services and professional development resources to Montana State agencies and other Montana libraries.

The State Library's Talking Book Library provides direct library service to Montana citizens with visual and other disabilities.

The Library's Natural Resource Information System (NRIS) provides GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping, technical assistance and access to geospatial data, and research information concerning Montana's climate, water, plant, and wildlife resources.

## State Law Library

215 N Sanders / P.O. Box 203004  
Helena, MT 59620-3004  
Phone: (406) 444-3660, Fax: (406) 444-3603  
Email: [mtlawlibrary@mt.gov](mailto:mtlawlibrary@mt.gov)  
URL: <http://lawlibrary.mt.gov>  
Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The State Law Library's mission is to serve the current and future needs of Montana's

courts, legislature, state officers and employees, members of the bar of the Supreme Court of Montana, and members of the general public.

The library's 180,000 volume collection includes: Montana's Territorial and state codes and session laws, administrative regulations, Supreme Court opinions and briefs, Attorney General opinions, and compiled legislative histories; current codes, historical session laws, and appellate court decisions from all 50 states; federal statutes, session laws, administrative rules, and cases; legal encyclopedias and dictionaries; thousands of subject-based treatises; over 500 law reviews and bar journals; and many legal forms. The Law Library's Web site provides links to many sample legal forms; Montana and federal laws, including Supreme Court opinions, orders, and briefs; and research links on dozens of topics. Patrons can search or browse the library's materials online from any computer by visiting its Web site.

Any Montana resident may borrow materials from the State Law Library. In addition, a copy and send service is offered to deliver portions of items to patrons via mail, fax, or e-mail. If a patron cannot find a particular legal resource in the collection, the item can be retrieved via an Interlibrary Loan request.

The State Law Library provides seven public computer terminals and free wireless service. These public terminals provide access to various legal research databases, including Public Access Westlaw, Shepards, RIA Tax Coordinator, and HeinOnline. Internet access is also available. Trained legal reference librarians are available to assist patrons with legal research, but cannot provide legal advice or interpret the law.

## Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Library

1424 Ninth Avenue / P.O. Box 201601  
Helena, MT 59620-1601  
Phone: (406) 444-6611, Fax: (406) 444-0533

Email: [sborer@mt.gov](mailto:sborer@mt.gov)  
URL: <http://dnrc.mt.gov>  
Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. by request

The library's collection consists of engineering and water resources located in the Water Resources Division, and a geology collection, which is housed in the Water Management Bureau. It is a circulating library to central and regional office staff, and does not circulate materials to the general public. However, the public may visit the library and use its collection in the facility.

The Water Library consists of reference material relating to water policy, legislation, and regulation; water resources management and use; and river basin management.

## Department of Environmental Quality Planning Division Library

1520 East Sixth Avenue / P.O. Box 200901  
Helena, MT 59620-0901  
Phone: (406) 444-6763, Fax: (406) 444-6836  
Email: [parroues@mt.gov](mailto:parroues@mt.gov)  
URL: <http://deq.mt.gov>  
Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The DEQ Planning Division Library serves DEQ staff and associated personnel. The collection assists staff in addressing Montana water quality and standards issues and also with drinking water and wastewater. The collection does not circulate to the public. However, the public may visit the library and use its collection in the facility.

## Legislative Reference Center

State Capitol Building, Room 10,  
P.O. 201706, Helena, MT 59620-1706  
Phone: (406) 444-3064, Fax: (406) 444-2588  
Email: [leglib@mt.gov](mailto:leglib@mt.gov)  
URL: <http://leg.mt.gov>  
Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Legislative Reference Center provides reference and research assistance and interlibrary loan services to legislators and legislative staff. The collection focuses on issues of current concern to the Montana Legislature, including economic development,

education finance, health care policy, gambling, privatization, property tax, sales tax, state employee compensation, state finances, and workers' compensation.

The Reference Center also offers access to Montana legislative materials, such as house and senate journals, session laws, and committee minutes. Materials published by the Montana Legislative Services Division, along with interim committee work papers, are cataloged and archived. Publications from the National Conference of State Legislatures and from legislative agencies in other states form a major part of the collection.

## Public Service Commission Research and Law Library

1701 Prospect Avenue / P.O. Box 202601  
Helena, MT 59620-2601  
Phone: (406) 444-6199, Fax: (406) 444-7618  
Email: [juscheier@mt.gov](mailto:juscheier@mt.gov)  
URL: <http://psc.mt.gov>  
Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Public Service Commission Research and Law Library's collection is designated to be useful in regulation of water, electricity, natural gas, and transportation. The collection includes legal works, national public utility reference works, and transportation publications. The library loans to staff, other agencies, and legislators, but not to the public.

## Montana State Hospital Library

TLC Building, Montana State Hospital  
Warm Springs, MT 59756  
Phone: (406) 693-7133, Fax: (406) 693-7127  
Email: [teferguson@mt.gov](mailto:teferguson@mt.gov)  
URL: <http://msl.mt.gov/lisd/library-msh.htm>  
Hours: M-F, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Montana State Hospital library holds approximately 6,000 books, kits, and audio-visual materials. The collection has a strong psychiatric/mental health emphasis. The library circulates resources to the public.

The library has the dual role of serving both patients and staff at Montana State Hospital, but also serves other state agencies.